



# WILSON COUNTY CONNECTION

Lebanon Mt. Juliet Watertown



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## A Word From Your County Mayor Randall Hutto

Happy New Year Wilson County! We are off to a great start in 2018— and what an exciting year we have ahead. This is an election year for your local and state government, and I deeply encourage each of you to be involved by casting your vote for the candidates you feel best represent your beliefs. Often times, I feel we disassociate ourselves from local government. We seem to think the only time to actively participate in government, is every 4 years during a presidential election. In reality, your vote counts equally as much, if not

more, in your local elections because you have a front row seat to all of the issues that directly affect you as a citizen. Register to vote. Express your opinions. And most importantly, stay involved!

That being said, Wilson County has quite the responsibility this week as a new Representative for the 46th District is selected at a special called County Commission meeting on January 10, 2018. Though County Commissioners are the only people that can appoint and vote on the individuals nominated to fill the vacancy in the

House of Representatives, public comments will be allowed during the meeting. This is a difficult responsibility on your County Commissioners as they are not only entrusted with the citizens of Wilson County, but the citizens of Cannon and parts of DeKalb Counties as well. I am confident that your County Commissioners will work very hard, as always, to select an individual that represents the 46th District in the best possible way.

In addition to the changes coming in local govern-



ment this year, Wilson County is also busting at the seams with growth, and the trend is only expected to continue as new businesses make their way to our community. The Expo is booming, our school system is thriving and I cannot wait to see all of the wonderful things to come our way this year. I pray each of you have had a blessed New Year so far!

## WILSON COUNTY DISTRICT 12



**Terry Ashe**

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# Christmas for All



Mayor Hutto, along with city and county officials and community members from all across Wilson

County joined together to participate in Christmas for All. Christmas for All is an annual toy drive to ensure all Wil-

son County children receive gifts on Christmas. This year the organization will provide Christmas gifts for over 2000 children

in our community. A special thanks to all who participated in this event!

## HR CORNER

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WILSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Human Resources is doing a Monthly Employee Giveaway. We have several fun items for you to pick from. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win during their anniversary month. Please contact HR at 615-466-5152 or 615-466-5138 to claim your prize.

### January Winners:

**Mary Scruggs– Animal Control**

**Tract Galerno– Trustee**

**Julie Hooper– Planning**

**Amber Mills– Mt. Juliet Library**

**Regina Hulse– Circuit Court Clerk**

## Stay Connected

**Stay Connected with Mayor Hutto and the Wilson County Mayor's Office!**  
**Follow Mayor Hutto on Twitter and Facebook. Also be sure to check out our website for information on all county offices.**



**Wilson County**  
[www.wilsoncountyttn.gov](http://www.wilsoncountyttn.gov)



WILSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE

# WINTER HOURS



## LANDFILL:

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 7AM-3PM  
CLOSED ON SATURDAYS

## CONVENIENCE CENTERS:

FRIDAY-TUESDAY: 7AM-5PM  
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY: 7:30AM-5PM

A group of diverse young people, likely students, are posing together in a school setting. They are wearing various casual clothing, including t-shirts and hats. The background shows shelves with books and other school supplies.

# BECOME A MENTOR

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# Compassionate HANDS

## Emergency Overnight Shelters

Every night December 1—March 15

**5:50-6:30 Nightly Check-In at  
Cross Style Church**

Dinner, overnight lodging, and breakfast  
provided by local churches.

### Courtesy Van Pick-ups

- **5:15 PM** Leave Pilot Truck Stop—Car Wash  
921 Murfreesboro Road (Highway 231)
- **5:25 PM** Leave Applebee's on Hwy. 231  
609 S. Cumberland Street
- **5:35 PM** Leave Love's Way Church  
310 Coles Ferry Pike

# Wilson County Hires New Tourism Director



As most of you know, Former Tourism Director, Ms. Jenny Bennett's last day was October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Ms. Penny Carroll served as Interim Director of the Tourism Department while the director position was being filled. Penny did a fantastic job keeping the Tourism Department moving forward during this transition period.

The position was posted and open for applications starting October 13<sup>th</sup> and ran through November 10<sup>th</sup>. Human Resources Director, Von Barr, received over 57 applications for the position. A commit-

tee was organized to review the applications and conduct interviews. The committee did an outstanding job and we appreciate all of their hard work. The committee consisted of the following

individuals: Lebanon Chamber President, Melanie Minter who also served as the committee's chairman; Waretown Chamber President, Pam Wiggins; Mt. Juliet Chamber President, Mark Hinsely; Tourism Committee Chairman for the Wilson County Commission, Sue Vanatta; Wilson County Hotel Representative, Connie Bullington; Expo Center Marketing Director, Charity Toombs; Economic Development Director, Sarah Haston and Wilson County Human Resources Director, Von Barr. The committee went

through all 57 applications and had a difficult time narrowing the applicant pool down to two finalists. Mayor Hutto along with Penny Carroll, Interim Director, conducted a final round of interviews. After careful consideration, Ms. Amy Nichols was named the new Tourism Director of Wilson County.

Amy Nichols graduated from Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, IN with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and a double concentration in Marketing and Management. Amy's experience in the hospitality and tourism industry began with Churchill Downs Racetrack in Louisville, KY managing social, corporate and signature events, such as the Kentucky Derby and the Kentucky Oaks.

Amy brings with her to Wilson County over eight years of experience with the Walt Disney Company. Amy held roles with Disney Vacation Club, Disney's Grand Floridian

Resort and Spa, Disney Event Group and Walt Disney's Creative Entertainment. Her experience with Disney ranged from sales, convention services, and entertainment production for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts and the Disney Cruise Line.

Amy has spent the last year in the nonprofit industry in a development role with the American Cancer Society before moving to Mount Juliet, TN with her husband, Jason and daughter, Lucy.

Amy officially began her career with Wilson County Government on December 21, 2017. We are excited to welcome Amy to Wilson County and know she will be a wonderful asset to the team. We look forward to all she and Marketing Director Penny Carroll will accomplish for the Wilson County Tourism Department!

## THE ARC DAVIDSON COUNTY & GREATER NASHVILLE

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### WHO IS SERVED?

The Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) Family Support Program is designed to assist individuals with a severe or developmental disability to remain in his or her home and community.

Persons enrolled in CHOICES, ECF and Medicaid Waiver are not eligible.

### WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?

### WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

*We do not provide services, rather we are a funding source for services.*

*This is a list of services and items Family Support funds can be used towards*

Personal Assistance	Specialized Clothing
Before/After Care	Specialized Supplies
Respite Care	Transportation Services
Homemaker Services	Family Counseling
Minor Home Modifications	Training and Support Groups
Equipment Maintenance/Repair	Recreation/Summer Camp
Vehicular Modifications	Behavior Therapy
Specialized Equipment	Health-Related Costs (outside ins.)
Specialized Nutrition	Licensed Nursing/Nurses Aid Services

To be eligible for Family Support, and individual must have a permanent, lifelong disability that causes limitations in at least three of the following categories:

- ✓ *Self-Care*
- ✓ *Learning*
- ✓ *Mobility*
- ✓ *Self-Direction*
- ✓ *Receptive & Expressive Language*
- ✓ *Capacity for Independent Living*
- ✓ *Economic Self-Sufficiency*

### WHO SHOULD PEOPLE CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS OR REFERRALS CONTACT?

Lorie M. Golden, Director of Family Support  
615-321-5699 Ext. 211  
[LGolden@arcdc.org](mailto:LGolden@arcdc.org)

Taylor Ueland, Wilson County/ Davidson  
County N-Z Family Support Coordinator  
615-321-5699 Ext. 223

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder, Statewide Spanish Outreach Coordinator  
Cecilia Melo-Romie Phone: 615-875-9850 [Cecilia.melo-romie@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Cecilia.melo-romie@vanderbilt.edu)

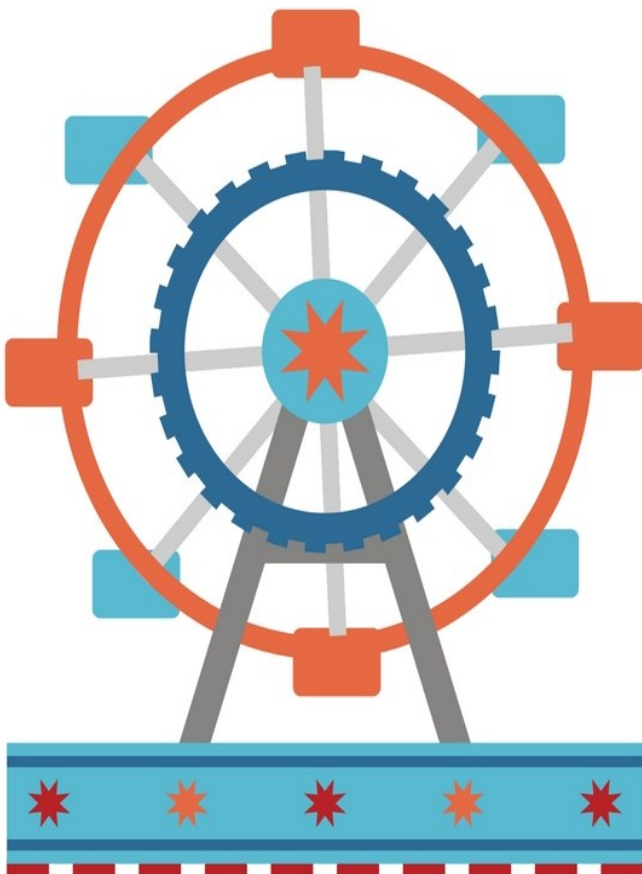


# Now you know...

Sometimes it seems all we do all day long is answer questions-and rarely are two questions ever the same. However, we do have some “repeat offenders” in our office. So, we thought it would be beneficial to have a column in the newsletter that specifically addressed some of our frequently asked questions. Each month we will feature a FAQ and also provide the answer. Most questions we receive are ones that you may even have yourself-such as social security replacement cards, burn permits, applying for jobs, etc. This way, we can provide answers so that whenever you encounter the same issue, well...now you know! This new column will appear in the February 2018 edition of the County Connection and will run through the end of the year. If you or your office would like to submit a FAQ that you all receive or would like the answer to, please email [harrisonb@wilsoncountyttn.gov](mailto:harrisonb@wilsoncountyttn.gov) to be featured.

# STARTING 2018 CLEAN AND HAZARD FREE

Back in October, Wilson County Solid Waste served as a host for the annual “Hazardous Household Waste Collection Event” sponsored by the State of Tennessee. The event collected household cleaners, home maintenance chemicals, lawn and garden chemicals, automotive products and more. The total amount of waste related items collected was 8, 278 which cost over \$17,000 to dispose. However, thanks to the State of Tennessee’s partnership in hosting this event, the only thing that Wilson County Solid Waste contributed was staff for the event and advertising. The Household Hazardous Waste Event keeps our community, citizens and environment clean-what a great way to start the New Year!

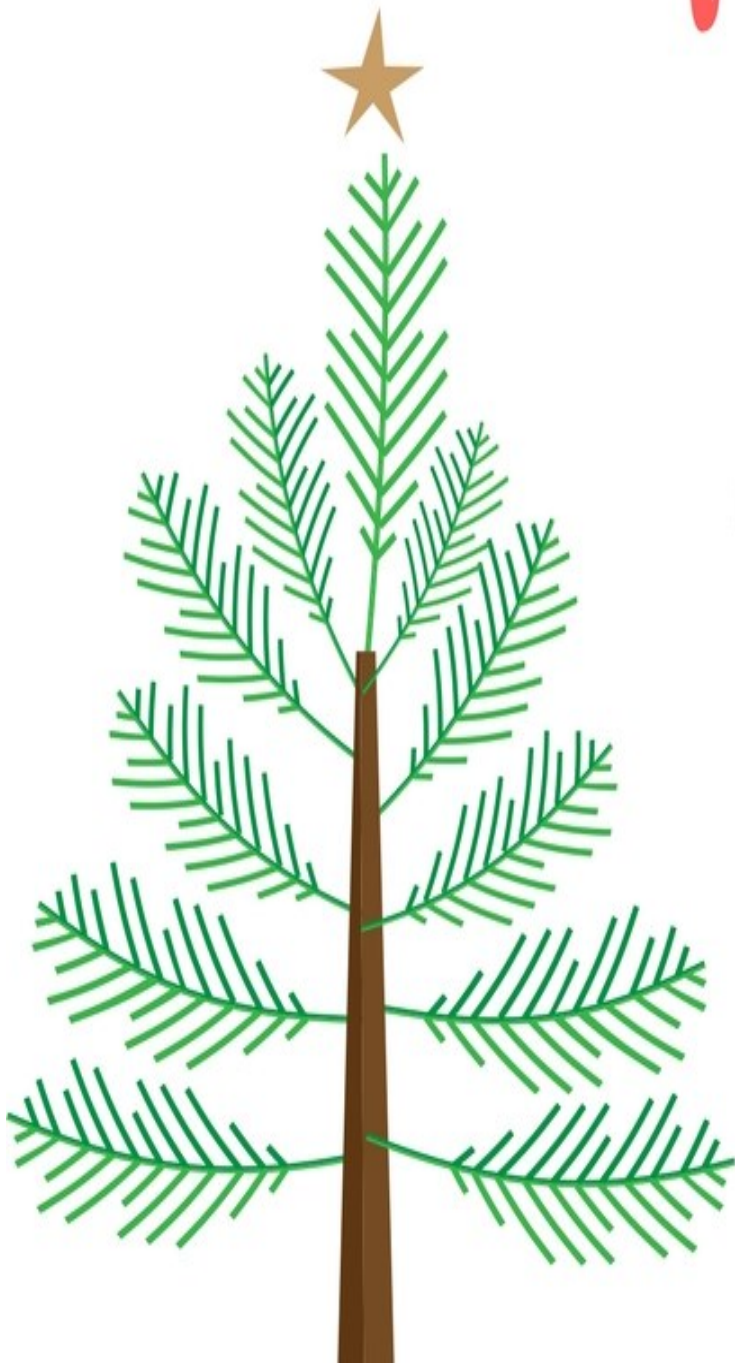


*Congrats!*

# WILSON COUNTY FAIR

The County Mayor's Office would like to recognize and congratulate the Wilson County Fair for ranking 34th in Carnival Warehouse's list of Top 50 Fairs!

# Live Christmas Tree Recycling



THE WILSON COUNTY LANDFILL WILL HOST LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE  
RECYCLING DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS FOLLOWING THE  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

ROCKWOOD RECYCLING WILL ALSO ACCEPT LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES.  
HOURS OF OPERATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DECEMBER 27-28, 7AM UNTIL 2PM.

BEGINNING JANUARY 3-  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 7 AM-4PM

ALL LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES MUST BE STRIPPED OF LIGHTS AND  
ORNAMENTS



# Our Award Winning Fair

Recently the Wilson County Fair was honored to receive awards at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE). 1,396 entries were judged by over 50 industry professionals. The awards were presented during the 127<sup>th</sup> annual IAFE Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada in November. Winners are selected from the membership of the IAFE which has over 1,700 members from around the globe. Wilson County Fair received a total of 16 awards in four categories, including Agriculture Awards, Competitive Awards, Communications Awards and Sponsorship Awards.

## **Agriculture Awards –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Agriculture Program/Exhibit – The Sunflower Patch
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Agriculture Programs Video – Wilson County Fair 2017 Beef Show
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Agriculture Event Program Area Beautification – Hometown USA & Main Hall displays in new Expo Center

## **Competitive Awards –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Competitive Exhibit Display Method and/or Prop – New Free-Standing Quilt Racks
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Use of a Theme in a Single Class or Contest – Stained Glass Competition – Class E, Best Representation of Theme
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Use of a Single Theme Throughout Multiple Divisions – “The Year of the Sunflower” and “Here Comes the Fun!”
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Single Photo of a General Display – Gardener Guild display in Flower Show
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – New Single Class of Competitive Exhibits – School Exhibits
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Special Contest – Smoky Mountain Christmas Ornament Competition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Create it on the Spot Contest – Lego Contest
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – New or Unique Contest to Attract Competitive Exhibitors – Yard/Garden Art Competition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Non-Fair Contest or Activity – Read and Win Program

## **Communication Awards –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Commemorative Poster
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Promotional/Advertising Poster
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Newspaper Ad – Black and White

## **Sponsorship Awards –**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sponsorship Continuity



# Spotlight on the office of...

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Each month, the “County Connection” will be highlighting a different office throughout Wilson County Government. Each office works hard to save Wilson County citizens tax dollars, time and hassle. However, not every office is always commended, as they should be, for all of their hard work. It is our hope that these “Spotlight:” articles highlight the hard work each office contributes to make Wilson County, as a whole, a success.

Von Barr serves as the Wilson County Human Resources Director. She works alongside Bethany Massey, HR Generalist. Both Von and Bethany try to uphold the mission of the Human Resources Department which is to “support the goals and challenges of Wilson County Government by providing services which promote a work environment that is characterized by honesty, integrity, open communication, personal accountability, trust, mutual respect and teamwork”. The Human Resource department provides information and support in the areas of employment, employee training and development, compensation, and ensures compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations for active and retired employees. The Human Re-

source department also plays a strategic role in managing people, the workplace culture and environment to ensure the workplace environment is inclusive of all employees.

Under the slogan “Serving people today for success tomorrow”, the Human Resources Department of Wilson County Government firmly believes that people come first. The Human Resource Department diligently strives to address the needs of the organization in a very inclusive way, exemplifying a high degree of professionalism and a concern for a quality service that is useful, helpful, courteous and honest. Human resources supports the citizens and community in attracting and retaining a qualified, capable and diverse workforce to provide high quality services to the

citizens of Wilson County. Wilson County Human Resources welcomes a diverse workforce and hopes all employees discover the excitement and reward of working for a world-class municipal government dedicated to excellence.

Recently, the Human Resource Department made several improvements/upgrades to better serve employees. For one, HR has recently implemented an employee recognition program to recognize employees on their anniversary dates, in addition to their longevity bonus, just simply say “thank you” for working so hard. Human Resources also partnered with Dell to offer a Dell discount program to employees. This program allows employees exclusive member benefits and allows them to obtain the best price guarantee on

consumer PCs from Dell, up to 30% discounts on desktops and laptops, discounts on thousands of electronics and accessories and exclusive monthly offers.

In addition, the Human Resources Department has also implemented several procedures to save Wilson County citizens time and tax dollars. The HR Department has transitioned to a paperless department with the assistance of the EMS document management system. This system allows the HR department to quickly serve employees and Wilson County citizens while also spending less on paper files, copy paper, ink, etc. The paperless system also allows Wilson County Human Resources the capability to receive and process online applications.

The Human Resources Director is not an elected official position. Rather it is an appointed position by the County Mayor. The Human Resource office is located at the County Courthouse at 228 E Main Street, Lebanon, TN 37087. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM.



# New Representative Selected for 46th District House Seat

Recently, Mark Pody, former State Representative of the 46<sup>th</sup> District, was elected to the Tennessee State Senate in a special election that was held during the month of December. The votes of that election were officially certified on December 28, 2017, leaving the seat of Representative for the

46<sup>th</sup> District vacated. The Wilson County Commission was required to appoint an individual to fill the vacated seat until the general election to be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The Wilson County Mayor's office worked closely with the following individuals and offices to ensure that the law is upheld in every aspect of this appointment: Mr. Robin Roberts, CTAS representative; Mr. Phillip Warren, Wilson County Election Commission; Mr. Lee Pope, State of Tennessee Office of Open Records; Mr. Andrew

Dodd, Tennessee State Election Commission; County Attorney Mike



Jennings; and the State of Tennessee's Comptroller's Office.

T.C.A 5-5-111 states that a public notice must run in a paper of general circulation for not less than seven (7) full days prior to the meeting. The earliest date to publish the article in all papers in Wilson County was January 3rd, 2018. With this in mind, the County Mayor's Office surveyed the Wilson County Commission in regards to which date the Commission as a whole would prefer to meet and make the appointment. After

tallying the votes, the special called meeting was set for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018



at 6:00 PM in the upstairs County Commission Room of the Wilson County Courthouse. The State Representative for the 46<sup>th</sup> district includes Cannon County and portions of Wilson and DeKalb counties. Individuals nominated to fill the vacant position must be residents of the 46<sup>th</sup> district which consists of Cannon County and portions of Wilson and DeKalb Counties. Registered voters of these districts are allowed to submit names for consideration either during the meeting or in writing to the County Mayor prior to the meet-

ing.

The procedure for the night of the special called meeting was as follows: the public submitted names to the Commissioners that they would like to see as State Representative for the 46<sup>th</sup> District until the next general election on November 6, 2018. After the public nomination period ended, the Commission returned to regular session and reviewed the nominations spoken during the public comments period. Commissioners then made their nominations for a 46<sup>th</sup> district representative. There were three nominations made by the County Commission: Clark Boyd, Bob Haley and Kevin Mack.

After the nominations ceased on the floor, the nominated individuals were given an opportunity to address the Commission. Nominees made a brief statement about themselves and why they were seeking the position. *Cont. on next page....*



Please note that only the nominees that were nominated by a County Commissioner were allowed to address the full Commission (Mr. Boyd, Mr. Haley and Mr. Mack).

Members of the County Commission were the only individuals allowed to

vote on the vacancy issue. The County Commissioners used paper ballots to vote. Nominees had to receive at least 13 votes on the first ballot to win. Had there been a tie between two individuals, the nominees with the lowest number of votes would have been eliminated and

a second vote taken.

However, Mr. Clark Boyd was selected, by a majority vote of 16, as the new House Representative for the 46<sup>th</sup> District. Mr. Haley received the second highest number of votes. Mr. Mack received the third.

Mr. Boyd was sworn in on the morning of January 11, 2018 and will serve as Representative until the next general election scheduled to be held on November 6, 2018. You can view the official voting results online at [www.wilsoncountyttn.gov](http://www.wilsoncountyttn.gov).

# **ALL COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED**

**JANUARY 15, 2018**

**IN HONOR OF**

**MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. DAY**

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that"*

*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*



# The Anti-Bully Defense Clinic

- Arm your child with confidence
- Learn basic self-defense techniques
- Raise social awareness



Saturday, Jan. 13

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